

Issue 15: Make GSIM a "simple, easy to understand view" of statistical information objects

As outlined in Section IV of our [METIS paper](#), in order to meet GSIM's objectives to enable communicating, educating and collaborating, I, with my IMF colleagues, feel the model needs fewer objects overall, and these objects should be at a higher level.

Successful education connects to people's everyday life. It is facilitated by creating a "simple, easy to understand view of complex information, with clear definitions" (GSIM Brochure).

Creating an easily understood view also helps people collaborate. Working with others using a shared language and a common understanding helps participants feel they belong to a group much bigger than their work unit, their project team, or even their organization.

With GSIM, potential users must "buy-in" at the most detailed level of the model. There is no rigorous, agreed and coherent picture at any level above the specification, which, at nearly 300 pages, is not a usable tool for educating or collaborating.

My IMF colleagues and I believe GSIM needs a model of up to 50 high level objects as its main organizing scheme - this was echoed in the [Metadata Flows](#) paper at METIS. This model would stand as an analogue to the GSBPM model of sub processes. The two could operate in tandem as tools to educate and collaborate.